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1. The Vitkovice Klement Gottwald Ironworks in Kuncice, known as the Czech Donbas, is still under construction. At present only a pipe rolling mill (plant no. 15) and an engineering shop (plant no. 28) are in production. A large foundry (plant no. 420) is almost complete. A second foundry, a power plant, a number (sic) of blast furnaces, and a gas works are being built.
2. The pipe rolling mill is located in a hall about 500 m by 160 m in dimensions. It has been in production since early in October 1950 and employs about 1,500 workers. The mill produces steel pipe of 150 mm diameter for oil well construction and other pipe 300 mm in diameter and from 6 to 8 m in length. All the pipe is shipped by rail via Cierna and Tisou to the USSR. The rolling mill is equipped with two Meerag gas annealing furnaces, one large Meerag electric power hammer, two rolling trains, a cooling plant, four cutting machines of German manufacture, two large presses each with its annealing furnace, and four Hungarian thread-cutting lathes. In the near future two more large presses and annealing furnaces will be added. Steel ingots are delivered from the Vitkovice Steelworks. In January 1951 the ceilings of the annealing furnaces collapsed and production was interrupted for one and one-half months.
3. The engineering shop is in a large building and employs about 2,000 workers. It is equipped with modern machinery. At the present time only railroad wheels are being produced.

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